

**VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

**March 11, 2010**

**T.W. Wood Gallery and Arts Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**A G E N D A**

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Call to Order Approval of Minutes <b>1(A)</b> Correspondence/Announcements Board Member Updates Staff Report <b>2(A)</b> Agenda Preview	Action
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Commissioner Armando Vilaseca	
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Committee Work</b>	
<b>Higher Education Committee</b>		
	Castleton State College, Report of the Full Program Review Team <b>3(HE)</b>	Discussion/Vote
	Middlebury College, One-Year Report <b>4(HE)</b>	Discussion/Vote
	Teacher Apprenticeship Program, Design Document <b>5(HE)</b>	Discussion
	Champlain College Visiting Team <b>6(HE)</b>	Discussion/Vote
	UVM Visiting Team <b>7(HE)</b>	Discussion/Vote
	Goddard Recommendation Request <b>8(HE)</b>	Discussion/Vote
<b>Teacher/Administrator Relicensing Committee</b>		
	Policy H4, Improving Consistency for Educator Relicensure <b>9(T/ARC)</b>	Vote
	Retired Educator Licenses <b>10(T/ARC)</b>	Discussion
	Connections between Level I LP and Relicensure Process <b>11(T/ARC)</b>	Discussion
	Revisions to CTE, CTE Special Needs and Driver's Ed Endorsement Competencies	Discussion
	Review Action Plan for Committee Responsibilities and Develop Work Plan	Discussion
	Report work plan and next steps to full Board	
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Continue Committee Work</b>	
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Response to: "Roots of Success: Effective Practices in Vermont Schools" <i>*Please bring your copy of the Roots of Success document</i>	Disc.
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Race to the Top (RttT) Steering Committee Report <b>12(A)</b>	Discussion
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	NASDTEC Update	Discussion
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Response to: "Opportunity to Learn Defining Vermont Education for a New Generation of Learners" Review Draft Letter <b>13(A)</b>	Discussion
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Committee Reports and Motions</b>	Action on Recommendations
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

*The action listed next to each agenda item represents the intent of the Standards Board at the time the agenda is printed. It is possible that action may or may not be taken on any item listed on the agenda.*

## VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

January 27, 2010  
Vermont College, Dewey Lounge, Montpelier

*VSBE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in Every Vermont Classroom  
to Improve Student Learning.*

### MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Howe, Heather McCollum, Janet Steward, Dolly Corkins, Susan Jensen, Bruce Richardson, Sheryl Aliquo, Russell Agne, Ronald Stahley, Stephanie Taylor, Penny Chamberlin, Lia Cravedi.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cassandra Major.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Marta Cambra, Deb Giles, Marilyn Richardson, Mary Beth McNulty, Rebecca Otis.

**OTHER:** Sherry Gile, VT NEA.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** B. Howe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting.

D. Corkins **moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting.** R. Agne seconded. **Motion passed.**

### BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

B. Howe reminded the Board about the Praxis I hearing and the regulations pertaining to waivers of the Praxis I requirement.

### Staff Report

M. Cambra informed the Board that she is working with the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) on an online school nurse orientation. This program will allow school nurses applying for licensure to complete the orientation requirement at any time. Currently, the orientation is held once per year. The VDH will be using the University of Massachusetts Amherst online school nurse orientation program as the basis for this orientation.

B. Howe commented that he was pleased to see the DOE is operationalizing the Roots to Success document. M. Cambra added that H. Schneider who was listed as part of that group, is no longer with the DOE.

The Board broke into committees at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

### Praxis I Waiver Request

J. Steward **moved to enter into executive session at 10:01 a.m. Marta Cambra, Director of Educator Quality and Lee Sease, Superintendent of schools for Addison Central Supervisory Union; were invited into executive session to review the Praxis I waiver request.** S. Aliquo seconded. **Motion passed.**

The Board exited executive session at 10:45 a.m. No action was taken.

### **Commissioner Armando Vilaseca**

The Board spoke to Commissioner Vilaseca about recent initiatives at the DOE. Topics discussed included: “Opportunity to Learn: Defining Vermont Education for a New Generation of Learners”, the Transformation Policy Commission’s document, School District consolidation in Vermont, DOE restructuring and recent Senate initiatives regarding education.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

**R. Agne moved to enter into executive session at 12:21 p.m. Marta Cambra, Director of Educator Quality was invited into executive session to review the Praxis I waiver request. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.**

The Board exited executive session at 1:00 p.m.

**R. Stahley moved that the VSBPE grant the applicant a waiver of the Praxis I exam. The applicant will be granted a restricted license for grades K-6 and will be restricted to the school buildings in the district where the applicant currently works. H. McCollum seconded. 9 were in favor and 1 was opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.**

The Board broke into committees at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **Deputy Commissioner Rae Ann Knopf**

The Board introduced themselves to Deputy Commissioner Rae Ann Knopf. Rae Ann introduced herself and informed the Board of her background. The Board discussed recent initiatives at the DOE with Rae Ann.

### **Response to: “Opportunity to Learn: Defining Vermont Education for a New Generation of Learners”**

MB. McNulty distributed materials to aid the Board in formulating a response to the Education Transformation Policy Commission’s document. Groups formed to discuss the recommended policy actions. A letter will be sent to the State Board of Education detailing the Board’s response to the document.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Teacher & Administrator Relicensing Committee – D. Corkins, Chair reporting**

The T/ARC committee discussed Policy H4 Improving Consistency for Educator Relicensure. This will be voted on at the February meeting. The committee decided to further discuss Mentoring when the SBE and Transformation moves forward. A memo from Commissioner Vilaseca will be sent to Superintendents via the weekly field memo. The memo will ask all Superintendents to support their Local/Regional Standards Boards.

**D. Corkins moved that the VSBPE approve Policy SB/C1. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.**

**D. Corkins moved that the VSBPE approve the Plan of Operations for the Orange East Supervisory Union Local Standards Board. P. Chamberlin seconded. Motion passed.**

**D. Corkins moved that the VSBPE accept the regenerated tests and scores recommended by the multi-state standard setting panel. L. Cravedi seconded. Motion passed.**

The passing score on the Praxis World Languages: German (0183) will be 163. The passing score on the Praxis World Languages: French (0174) will be 162. The passing score on the Praxis World Languages: Spanish (0195) will be 168.

**Higher Education Committee - H. McCollum, Chair reporting**

The HE committee discussed the Educator Quality Update that was recently distributed to all approved programs. They also discussed the action plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:20 p.m.